The Madayam todu.

5. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have acquired lands for the construction of the Madayam *todu* ;

(*b*) if so, the amount of compensation paid on account of that ;

(*c*) whether any actual work has been commenced in connection with the digging of the canal ;

(*d*) if so, the amount actually spent on account of that ;

(*e*) the length of the canal that is proposed to be dug ; and

(*f*) the amount of the estimate prepared for the same ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 12,090.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs. 10,168.

(*e*) About 1 mile 7 furlongs.

(*f*) Rs. 67,000.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : With regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know from the member why the work was stopped without finishing ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : On account of its heavy cost.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala II*) : May I know from the Government when the amount mentioned in part (*d*) has been spent ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice.

Unexpended allotments in the P. W. D. Budget.

6. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the representation made in the Sri Mulam Assembly that the unexpended allotments in the P. W. D. Budget should be carried forward as a P. W. D. Reserve Fund for carrying out the same works ; and

(*b*) the steps taken by Government on such representation ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No steps have been taken, as the proposal is not a practical one, nor consistent with Budgetary rules.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the Government whether they have considered the question that the unexpended allotments of the P. W. Budget may be carried forward to the P. W. D. Reserve Fund ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It is against the Government rule.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : My question is whether the Government have considered the question.

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